



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
*"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"*

Russ Guiney, Director

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October 18, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**EXPANSION OF USES FOR THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE SPECIAL REVENUE  
FUND TO ALLOW FOR ENFORCEMENT OF OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE  
REGULATIONS AND REPAIR OF DAMAGE  
(All Districts 3-Vote Matter)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed expenditures are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to the Section of the State CEQA Guidelines and the Class of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Authorize expanded use of Off-Highway Vehicle Fund revenues to include enforcement of off-highway vehicle regulations and for repairing damage from illegal use of off-highway vehicles. This is in addition to the previously approved uses of planning, acquisition, development, construction and maintenance of off-highway vehicle recreation areas.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/JUSTIFICATION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the use of funds deposited into the Off-Highway Vehicle Special Revenue Fund for enforcement of off-highway vehicle regulations and for repairing damage caused by illegal use of off-highway vehicles in prohibited areas. The Off-Highway Vehicle Special Revenue Fund was originally established by your Board in 1980 to provide for the planning, acquisition, development, construction and maintenance of off-highway recreation areas. Revenue to this fund is generated from the County's portion of off-highway vehicle registration fees, gas taxes and various grants.

Since 1980, there has been a significant increase in the popularity and use of off-highway motor vehicles operated in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. This has resulted in an increase in violations of off-highway motor vehicle safety rules and an increase in use of off-highway motor vehicles in prohibited areas. Expansion of the definition will allow these funds to be used to increase enforcement in the unincorporated areas and to repair damage to natural areas and other facilities caused by illegal off-highway vehicle use.

Upon approval of this action, the Department will work with the Sheriff's Department to provide enforcement services, not to exceed \$70,000 per fiscal year. The Department and the Sheriff will confer each year on the areas to be targeted for enforcement efforts as it is anticipated that increased enforcement in one area will result in increases in illegal off-highway vehicle use in other areas.

#### **Implementation Of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended action supports County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, by providing more beneficial and responsive services, and County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by providing that a portion of off-highway funds be used for enforcement of safety and operating rules.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on the County General Fund as all of the expenditures will be funded through the Off-Highway Special Revenue Fund. In Fiscal Year 2004-05, the fund received \$177,000 from the County's share of the gas taxes and registration fees.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Public Resources Code 5090.50 Section E authorizes that funds collected may be used for law enforcement and repairing damage caused by the use of off-highway motor vehicles where the operation of those vehicles is prohibited by federal, state or local law.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is exempt from CEQA according to Section 15301 (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project provides for repair and maintenance of existing facilities.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this action will not have any impact on any other services or projects.

**CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return three conformed copies of this action to Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Russ Guiney  
Director

c: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Sheriff's Department